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NAVY CASE: 82654

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	:	
Thomas W. Smith	:	
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Filed: May 24, 2001	:	Examiner: Not yet assigned
For: Document Mark-Up Tool for Electronic Data Management Systems	:	

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The purpose of this Preliminary Amendment is to file the formal drawings (included in RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS) and to amend the specification because the informal drawings consisted of Figs. 1, 2, and 3, whereas the formal drawings consist of Figs. 1, 2A, 2B, and 3. In addition, this Preliminary Amendment is accompanied by a Petition for a one (1) month extension so as to extend the response time for filing the formal drawings until October 24, 2001. Further, this Preliminary Amendment is meant to bring to the attention that an error was made in the original filing of the informal drawings because the filed informal drawings consisted of old non-updated drawings (Figs. 1, 2, 2, and 3 including unwanted